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FOR UNHRC DELEGATE EDWARD MEZVINSKY FROM GEORGE DALLEY

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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: AGENDA ITEM 12

REF: A) STATE 56235 B) STATE 56347

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
ON SPECIFIC CASES IN USSR AND ARGENTINA, FOLLOWING IS
PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND.

2. USSR: DR. NAHUM MEIMAN, A SOVIET SCIENTIST, HAS
BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION FOR
ISRAEL. HE HAS NOW RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM HIS
DAUGHTER HERE IN THE U.S. TO EMIGRATE TO THE U.S. THE
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STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HIS DAUGHTER TO
BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN OBTAINING HIS EMIGRATION.
REGARDING SHCHARANSKY CASE, WE HAVE REPEATED TO YOU
SEVERAL CABLES FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.

3. ARGENTINA; FURTHER BACKGROUND ON MASS ABDUCTION IN
BUENOS AIRES: ON DECEMBER 8, A GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED

ARMED MEN ABDUCTED 11 PEOPLE AT CHURCH OF SANTA CRUZ.
ONE NUN AND TEN MOTHERS AND WIVES OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS
HAD MET TO DISCUSS WAYS OF COLLECTING MONEY TO FINANCE
ADVERTISEMENTS BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE DISAPPEARED

MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES. IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, ONE
ADDITIONAL NUN AND ONE ADDITIONAL MOTHER WERE ALSO
ABDUCTED. TO THIS DAY NONE HAVE BEEN SEEN. THE U.S.
EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES HAS MADE NUMEROUS INFORMAL
DEMARCHES TO VARIOUS HIGH MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ABDUCTED PEOPLE.

4. REGARDING THE TWO ARGENTINIAN CASES CITED IN THE
ORIGINAL DRAFT OF U.S. DEL'S ITEM 12 SPEECH:

-- ROBERT GUSTAVO SANTI - SANTI'S NAME WAS SENT TO
EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES BY CONGRESSMAN FRASER; THE CASE
HAS BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED TO ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES
BY THE EMBASSY.

-- JOHN ENRIQUE VELASQUEZ ROSSANO - IT IS OUR UNDERSTAND-
ING THAT ROSSANO HAS NOW BEEN RELEASED. WE FURTHER
UNDERSTAND THAT ROSSANO BELIEVES HIS WIFE HAS BEEN KILLED.

DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE WHETHER USDEL SHOULD RAISE THESE
TWO CASES IN ITEM 12 SPEECH. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
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ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON EITHER CASE WHICH USDEL
COULD SUPPLY.

5. IN RESPONSE TO TEFFT-ADLER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION,
THERE FOLLOWS LIST OF FIFTEEN SOVIET CITIZENS WHO HAVE
BEEN ARRESTED FOR MONITORING SOVIET IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT:

ALREADY SENTENCED TO INTERNAL EXILE:
LANDA, MALVA

ALREADY SENTENCED TO FROM 3 TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON:
ARUTYUNYAN, EDUARD
RUDENKO, MYKOLA
TIKHY, OLEKSY

AWAITING TRIAL:
GAMSAKHURDIA, ZVIAD
GINZBURG, ALEKSANDR
LUKYANENKO, LEV
MARINOVICH, MIROSLAV
MATUSEVICH, MYKOLA

NAZARYAN, ROBERT
ORLOV, YURI
PETKUS, VIKTORAS
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SHCHARANSKY, ANATOLY
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